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AUDIO INTERCONNECT AND
AUTOMATIC CALL DISTRIBUTOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 7,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

- Sub 1. A method of establishing an audio call path between an Internet user accessing a web site and an agent of the web site, such method comprising the steps of:
- providing the web site with a plurality of audio access icons and a plurality of agent groups;
 - associating an agent group of the plurality of agent groups with a subject matter of each audio-access icon of the web site;
 - determining an overall type of question associated with each audio-access icon;
 - detecting an activation of an audio access icon of the plurality of icons;